

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of the foregoing amendments prior to further examination of this application.

Claims 1-39 remain in this application. Claims 40-55 have been withdrawn.

Claims 1, 24, 45 and 50 have been amended in order to be consistent with other claims in numerical forms and dependency.

Claims 40-55 have been withdrawn as the result of the restriction requirement of the Examiner mailed on 07/03/2006.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable consideration of the amended application. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance prosecution, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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